

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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NOVEMBER 2015

- Nov 3** **Senior Hiking Series: Tuesday Trails**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Meet at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. We will meet at North Bellevue Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades, or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be generally less than three miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. **Ages:** 50 years old. **Cost:** \$5. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95959. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.
- Nov 4** **Farm Hands – Cows, Butter and a Log Cabin**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #90770. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Nov 5** **Little Pioneer Thanksgiving**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Let's celebrate Thanksgiving the old-fashioned way in our log cabin from 1888. With no electricity or indoor plumbing, how will we get all our chores done? Join Farmer Jayne as we churn butter, grind wheat, play dress-up, pump water, and get our laundry done using muscles and willpower! Crafts, snack and active storytelling round out our log cabin adventure. Children must be potty-trained. **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 96058. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Nov 6** **Are You Sleepy, Tree?**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Why do trees lose their leaves in the Fall? Come explore why trees have leaves and why they lose them. Make a leaf print – feel free to bring interesting leaves to share! We encourage families to attend; please register with your child. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 96156. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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- Nov 6** **Batty for Bats! (Story Time Program)**, two sessions - choose one:
11 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Winter is the time when bats find a special place to hibernate. Come learn about bats and where they hide out for the winter. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 96218 or 96503. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 6-15** **“Snow White and Rose Red” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
November 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7 p.m.; November 8, 14 and 15 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
Come enjoy this exciting tale of Snow White, a sweet and thoughtful girl, and her sister Rose Red, who is adventurous and brave. Together they find a kind, yet mysterious, “creature” and help him to survive the cold winter. But what will happen to the girls and their new friend when they meet a vicious dwarf? Come and see! All seats are reserved. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$10. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$12 if purchased after October 30. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 7** **Out-Fit (Hike Coal Creek Park Trails)**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meet at Coal Creek Parkway SE
Get outside and enjoy time with your family while hiking and biking in Bellevue’s parks! Spend one morning each month getting out and active. Hike through Lewis Creek Park (September 12), bike the Lake Hills Greenbelt (October 10), and hike Coal Creek trails (November 7). Learn the basics of hiking and biking safety as well as great trails to hike and bike right in town! Come to all three sessions and receive a special TRACKS prize. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$5. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95970. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.
- Nov 7** **I Moss Ask You a Question**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What is the difference between moss, fungus and lichen? Where do they both grow, and what is their purpose? Come learn the difference and all about the moss in Washington. Take a walk with a Ranger to see the moss living in Lewis Creek Park. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 8** **DUCKumentary (Nature Film)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There are more than 120 different species of ducks, and they are all born knowing how to survive. Come discover all the different types and their life stories, filled with personality and charm. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 10** **Tuesday Sound of Swing Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Nov 11** **School’s Out Adventure Field Trip**, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
When school’s out for holidays, come on a full-day adventure with us! We will be heading out for an action-packed day of hiking and rock climbing. We will check out nearby trails in the morning, then head to a local rock-climbing gym and climb new routes all afternoon. Please pack lunch, snacks, water, and dress for the weather. Trips are planned on Bellevue School District holidays and will leave from Highland Community Center. **Ages:** 10-14 years old. **Cost:** \$45. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95965. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.
- Nov 11** **Family Pioneer Thanksgiving**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Let’s celebrate Thanksgiving the old-fashioned way in our log cabin from 1888. Join Farmer Jayne on this no-school day as we dress up in pioneer clothing, churn butter, grind wheat, play dress-up, pump water, and play just like Laura in *Little House in the Big Woods*. Team up with one favorite adult helper for old-fashioned crafts, snack and active storytelling. Adult/child teams only. **Ages:** 2-6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 96059. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Nov 12** **Painted Holiday Gourds**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Create lovely gourd decorations or centerpieces for your holiday table. All materials provided. Bring snacks, sack lunch and beverages. All levels welcome. This is an integrated and adaptive class for adults with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$35/residents and \$45/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 96385. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Nov 12** **Unity through Diversity Community Event**, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Join us for the first “Unity through Diversity” community event, hosted by the City of Bellevue’s Youth Link and Diversity programs. This event celebrates Bellevue’s diversity through a gathering of various community groups, performances, and presenters sharing unique perspectives, with opportunities for collaboration and youth involvement. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free, but spaces are limited. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://unitythroughdiversityevent.bpt.me/> **Info:** Patrick Alina (palina@bellevuewa.gov) or Mark Manuel (mmanuel@bellevuewa.gov).
- Nov 13** **Living with Wildlife Series: Coyotes, Bears and Bobcats, Oh My!**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bellevue is fortunate to have beautiful green spaces that are the natural habitat for amazing wildlife such as coyotes, bears, bobcats and cougars. Join us to learn details on feeding behavior, reproduction, and why we may see them wandering into urban areas, such as your neighborhood. When a conflict arises between humans and animals, it is usually because the animal is only doing what it needs to do to survive. What can you do to reduce conflicts? **Ages:** 8 years and older; children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 96166. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Nov 14** **Coal Creek Park Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Coal Creek East Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Discover Bellevue’s largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 18** **Animal Enrichment – Pig Piñata**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This program is for 5-10 year-olds on early release Wednesdays. Help Farmer Jayne create opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think and which activities animals need to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. **Ages:** 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course 90782. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Nov 19** **Holiday Ornaments and Decorations**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Create great gifts for the holidays using porcelain, glass and other materials. All supplies included. Bring snacks, sack lunch and beverages. All levels welcome in this class. This is an integrated and adaptive class to include adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$35/residents and \$45/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 96386. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 20-29** **“The Mitten” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
November 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7 p.m.; November 22, 28 and 29 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
This Ukrainian folk tale is about a little child who loses a mitten in the snow, where it is inhabited by animals. The magic of the forest is brought to life in this tale of sharing and giving. This play is a perfect Thanksgiving treat for all, with music, dance, and fun! **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$10. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$12 if purchased after November 13. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 21** **Visions of Sugarplums**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Join us for a sweet beginning to the holiday season by making a gingerbread house, singing songs, dancing, and eating yummys for your tummies! Dress in your party clothes for happy holiday wholesome fun. **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 95914. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 21** **Etiquette – Young Ladies and Gentlemen**, 9 a.m. - noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet manners are the key to building positive friendships and strong self-esteem. This class teaches telephone etiquette, basic table manners and more. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 95925. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 21** **Etiquette – Young Ladies and Gentlemen: Holiday Manners**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Learning how to be a gracious guest, guest of honor, or host are skills children will use lifelong. It's not necessary to have taken Young Ladies and Gentlemen Part 1 to enroll in this class. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 95942. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Nov 22** **Native American Ethnobotany**, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that willow bark extract has been used as a pain reliever? Join Muckleshoot Indian Tribe expert Warren KingGeorge as he discusses the ethnobotany of the plants in our region and how the Native Americans used them. Following the discussion, there will be a short walk to identify plants and their historical uses. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 96334. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 26** **Free Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycle Class**, Three start times - 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Burn 600+ calories before your feast! Each class lasts one hour. Class is free, with a donation of a Target or Fred Meyer gift card. Gift cards will be used to purchase holiday gifts for disadvantaged kids in the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club program at SBCC. Bring water and a towel. Pedals are SPD compatible. We welcome all fitness levels! **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** FREE with donation listed above. **Pre-registration:** Required – reserve your space. **Info and to register:** Joan Perugini at jperugini@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Nov 26** **Fit for the Feast**, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Join us for this competitive Masters swim workout. Cost includes a designer T-shirt. **Ages:** 19 years and older. **Cost:** \$10. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – 425-452-2806.
- Nov 27** **Youth Appreciation & Safety Day**, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Bring your kids to this special swim session with safety demonstrations and raffles. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free for those 12 years and younger. \$6.75 for ages 13 and older. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – 425-452-2806.
- Nov 28 – Jan 2** **Garden d’Lights**, 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., every evening including holidays (last entry at 9 p.m.)
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The 21st Annual Garden d’Lights event will be bigger and better than ever. We are bringing back some long-time favorites such as the perennial border on the lawn, the aquarium in the Shorts House window, salmon swimming upstream and rhododendron blooms in shrubs. Come see your old favorites and find the new critters and flower displays! Also new this year is a ticket booth to make entry into the event easier than ever. **Cost:** \$5/person; children 10 and under are free and do not need a ticket. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the event. **To buy tickets ahead of time and for driving, parking and general information:** <http://www.gardendlights.org/>

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What Does It Take to Survive in the Winter?, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Ever wondered what it takes to survive in the harsh of winter? Come learn how both people and animals use a few very important methods to stay warm and ready for anything in the winter. Discover the survival kit must-haves for anyone braving the coldest of months in the wilderness. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 28 – Jan 2 Garden d’Lights**, 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., every evening including holidays (last entry at 9 p.m.)
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The 21st Annual Garden d’Lights event will be bigger and better than ever. We are bringing back some long-time favorites such as the perennial border on the lawn, the aquarium in the Shorts House window, salmon swimming upstream and rhododendron blooms in shrubs. Come see your old favorites and find the new critters and flower displays! Also new this year is a ticket booth to make entry into the event easier than ever. **Cost:** \$5/person; children 10 and under are free and do not need a ticket. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the event. **To buy tickets ahead of time and for driving, parking and general information:** <http://www.gardendlights.org/>
- Dec 2-5 Hilltop Holiday Craft Show**,
December 2-4, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., and December 5, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 65 selected Northwest crafters. This show features one-of-a-kind products including: holiday ornaments, decorations, pottery, jewelry, wood and knit items, and more. **Cost:** Admission and parking are free; craft items vary in price. **Info:** 425-452-4106, or email NWAC@bellevuewa.gov . **Crafter application/information:** hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or www.Bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com .
- Dec 2 Farm Hands – Happy Holidays to All**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We’ll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #90771. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Dec 3 Christmas Ship Festival**, 8:55 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.
Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to gather together to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir’s performance. All this, and a beach fire to keep you warm! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Dec 4** **Time to Hibernate (Story Time Program)**, two sessions - choose one:
11 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
During the cold winter months, many animals take a very long nap called “hibernation.” Find out what animals get very sleepy in winter! We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 96222 or 96504.
Info: 425-452-4195.
- Dec 4-13** **“An Elf’s Tale” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
December 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7 p.m.; December 6, 12, and 13 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
The number of kids on Santa’s Naughty List grows every year, and no Elf wants the job of giving out coal. Zippity is different from all the other Elves at the North Pole, but does he have what it takes to save Christmas and get rid of the Naughty List for good? “An Elf’s Tale” is an original musical filled with holiday spirit that will be fun for the whole family! All seats are reserved. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$10. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$12 if purchased after November 27. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Dec 4** **Holiday Ball**, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come celebrate the winter holidays with friends. This is a chance to dress up in your formal attire, or dress in your most comfortable clothes. A full meal and dessert will be served at this dance, so come hungry! This event is for teens and adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9/resident and \$11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7686.
- Dec 5** **Holiday Wreath Decorating**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. OR 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join us for this class on holiday wreath decorating with Jodi Burkland from Molbaks! Jodi will provide wreaths of fresh greens, and you will have several themes to choose from to complement your home’s style and colors. Jodi will teach you how to make a bow and what to add to a wreath to create an eye-catching holiday decoration. She will also provide some tips on how to spruce up your garden planters with holiday decorations. Space is limited – sign up early! Price includes all supplies. You will leave with your decorated wreath! **Cost:** \$50 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$60 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required; space is limited to 25 participants for each class.
Info and to register: <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html#Dec5> .

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- Dec 6** **“Animal Homes” (Nature Film)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come investigate how animals build their amazing homes and the intriguing behaviors and social interactions that take place in and around them. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 8** **Tuesday Sound of Swing Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 11** **Gifts from Nature**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Get ready for the holiday gift-giving season by exploring the possibilities of gifts found right outside in your own backyard! Join us for story time and crafts, where we will make a fun gift from nature that your child can bring home and give to someone special. We encourage families to attend; please register with your child. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 96155. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Dec 11** **Hibernation Pajama Party**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come learn about animals that hibernate, as well as other ways of surviving the winter. Make sure to bring your PJ’s and a blanket or pillow as we settle in for the winter! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 96261. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 12** **Lakemont Highlands Open Spaces Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Level of difficulty:** Arduous (350 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 13** **Which Pass, to Which Park?**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
If you are having trouble figuring out which pass you need to which park, you are not alone. Come learn the difference between Federal and State managed land, and which is the best pass for you this hiking season. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Dec 16** **Animal Enrichment – Happy Holidays**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This program is for 5-10 year-olds on early release Wednesdays. Help Farmer Jayne create opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think and which activities animals need to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. **Ages:** 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course 90784. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Dec 22** **School's Out Adventure Field Trip**, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
When school's out for holidays, come on a full-day adventure with us! We will be heading out for an action-packed day of hiking and rock climbing. We will check out nearby trails in the morning, then head to a local rock-climbing gym and climb new routes all afternoon. Please pack lunch, snacks, water, and dress for the weather. Trips are planned on Bellevue School District holidays and will leave from Highland Community Center. **Ages:** 10-14 years old. **Cost:** \$45. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 95966. **Info:** csabochik@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883.
- Dec 22** **Christmas Ship Festival**, 9:05 p.m. – 9:25 p.m.
Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 98th Avenue NE
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to gather together to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's performance. All this, and a beach fire to keep you warm! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Jan 4-10** **SBCC 10-Year Anniversary Celebration,**
South Bellevue Community Center, 15409 SE Newport Way
Enjoy a week-long schedule of free fitness and general recreation classes as we celebrate our 10-year anniversary. Free giveaways and drawings will add to the fun! **Ages:** All ages – specific ages depending upon the class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Jan 8** **Winter Wonderland Adaptations, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
As winter brings snow to the mountains of the Northwest, animals like the Snowshoe Hare have amazing features to keep them safe in the changing environment. Come learn how some animals have certain adaptations that help them weather through the cold months of the year. We encourage families to attend; please register with your child. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 96155. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Jan 8** **Winter Wonderland (Story Time Program), two sessions - choose one:**
11 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What do the wolves of winter find? Come follow Gray Wolf by the light of the full moon on his journey through a winter wonderland! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 103217 or 103218. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 9** **Coal Creek Park Hike, 10 a.m. - noon**
Meeting place: Coal Creek East Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, just west of Redtown Trailhead)
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Jan 13** **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Rockin’ with the Rabbits,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 5-10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99004. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Jan 15** **Winter Woof Walk,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Park, 410 130th Place SE (Meet at the kiosk in the lower parking lot)
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog(s) and learn how you can enjoy your parks with your furry friends. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 102251. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Jan 16** **Sketch Your Garden with Watercolor, Pen, Ink and Pencil,** 10 a.m. – noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Come and learn to celebrate each of the seasons in your garden using fun techniques. This class, taught by Molly Hashimoto, is perfect for beginners as well as artists of all abilities. All supplies are included; students are encouraged to bring extra paper. **Cost:** \$30 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$40 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required.
Info and to register: <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html#Jan16>
- Jan 16** **Meet the Habitats of Lewis Creek: Fantastic Forests,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What kind of wildlife lives in the forest? How can you use clues like leaves, flowers, and bark to solve the tree mystery at Lewis Creek? Come discover the forest habitat as the first program of this three-part series. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 17** **“Wild Kratts: Whale of a Squid” (Children’s Movie),** 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Jan 20** **Bodacious Borders: The Art of Making Plant Combinations**, 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture is presented by Lucy Hardiman, a nationally-recognized garden designer, writer, teacher, and speaker as well as the owner and principal of the award-winning Perennial Partners, a collaborative garden design group in Portland, OR. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Not required. Pay at the door; space is first-come, first-served.
Info: <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html#Jan20>
- Jan 22** **Owl Prowl**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover what owl species live in the Pacific Northwest. Then take a night hike with a Ranger to listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 103253.
Info: 425-452-4195.
- Jan 23** **Starting Vegetable Seeds Indoors**, 10 a.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Presented in partnership with Seattle Tilth. Get a head start on spring and summer by starting your garden indoors now. Save money, grow varieties of plants you can't find in stores, and become more self-sufficient by growing your own plant starts. Our instructor will show you how to grow your veggie garden from seeds, how to find the right supplies, and how to transplant your plant starts into your garden come spring. Topics include setting up your own indoor growing space, caring for your seedlings, and getting plants ready to move outside. Be prepared to get your hands dirty! Limited to 25 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required.
Info and to register: <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html#Jan23>
- Jan 23** **Bellevue Aquatic Center Employment/Volunteer Open House**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Come to this open house to gather information regarding employment and volunteer opportunities at the Bellevue Aquatic Center. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2806.

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- Jan 24** **Northwest Perennial Alliance Lecture**, noon – 2 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture is “The Good, the Bad, and Why Bother?” with George Lasch. Doors open at noon for Hellebore plant sale and refreshments. Lecture begins at 1 p.m. **Cost:** Free for NPA members; \$15 for non-NPA members. **Pre-registration:** Required.
Info and to register: <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/index.php>
- Jan 30** **Amphibians Among Us**, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that the Pacific Tree Frog is the Washington State Amphibian? There are many species of amphibians in Washington, in all shapes and sizes. Learn about frogs, salamanders, newts and toads, the adaptations that help them thrive and the dangers that they are facing. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Daily, times vary

Kids on the Farm

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Meet the farm animals and learn interesting animal facts. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding while creating a woolly sheep to take home. These tours are for preschool and school groups. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** \$85 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are \$5.50 per child and \$2.50 per adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

3rd Sunday of each month

NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, Noon - 2 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Place SE

Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

Reading with Rover

Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street

Dogs help kids learn to read. Reading with Rover dogs will be at the Crossroads Community Center to listen to children read to them. This free program inspires children to discover the joy of reading while developing literacy skills and confidence in a fun, safe environment using trained therapy dogs. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.readingwithrover.org/> or call Judi Hagen, 425-452-4874.

4th Tuesday each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Council Chambers

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or hstephens@bellevuewa.gov.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Youth Link 25th Anniversary & Community Leadership Awards Event Planning Meeting, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Assist in planning our 25th anniversary celebration scheduled for May 2015, and help set the theme, program and marketing of the youth recognition event. Students will help plan and will gain experience in planning the community event from concept to delivery. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov. Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

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1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students.

Info: Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Youth Link Marketing Committee, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE

Learn marketing through hands-on training and activities! Marketing team members work on the Bellevue Patch, YouthConnect, an online youth publication, develop marketing materials for the program and develop other marketing strategies using social media. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Youth Link University Project Planning Meeting, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Assist in the development of a youth business training course during the school year. Students will work with other adult volunteers and business professionals in the planning of the training curriculum, marketing and delivery of the program. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st Thursday each month

Bellevue Network On Aging Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

Every Thursday

Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st Saturday each month

Lewis Creek Ranger Walk, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Join a Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required.

Info: 425-452-4195.

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Every Saturday

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered migratory visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Discover the history of the park, view community gardens, and share stories about our local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required.

Info: 425-452-7225.

Every Saturday

Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

At 320 acres, Mercer Slough Nature Park is Lake Washington's largest wetland and Bellevue's second largest park! Meet a Park Ranger at the Environmental Education Center for a free guided tour to learn about the fascinating flora, fauna and history of the park. Please dress for weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:**

mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, Noon

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. **Suggested donation:** \$3 for those 60 and older; fee of \$5.95 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches.

Info/Pre-register: 425-452-7681.